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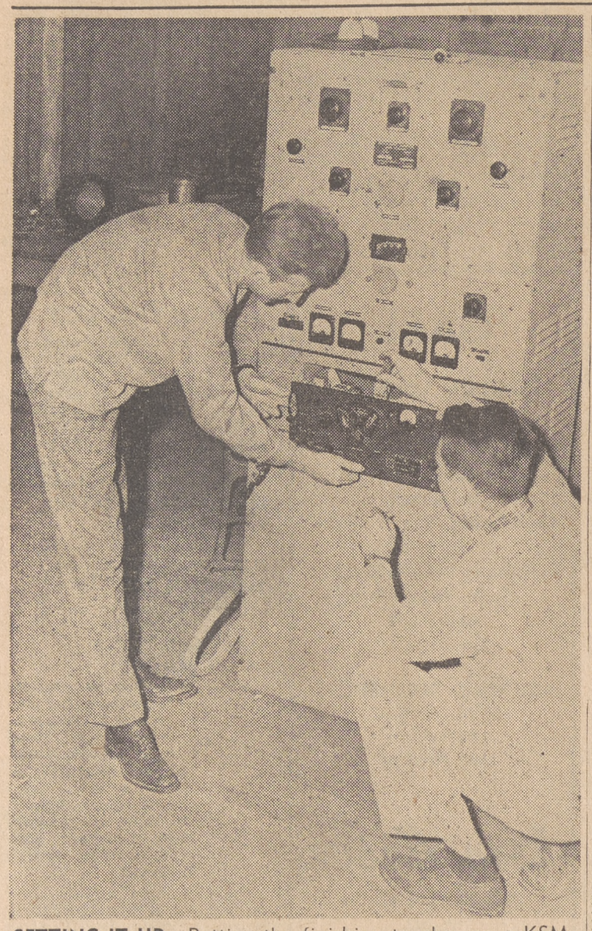
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OFFICERS CURB ABSENTEEISM



SETTING IT UP—Putting the finishing touches on a KSM transmitter, Station Manager Chuck Rainey on the left, and Engineer Robert Oliver, are shown ironing out one of many problems which continually arise.

Radio Station

Promising Future Seen By KSM Student Leaders

Promising great social and financial benefits to the College, the Saint Mary's Radio Station, KSM, is nearing completion under the direction of Chuck Rainey, Station Manager; Dick Westervelt, Program Director; Tom Prenovost, Business and Advertising Manager, and Chief Engineer, Bob "Marconi" Oliver.

Westervelt and Prenovost are in the process of setting up their desk and office equipment, and said that they would appreciate the aid of some strong backs.

Rainey sent out a plea for rugs, burlap rags, and other paraphernalia suitable for sound-proofing the studios located on the top floor of Dante Hall.

NUMEROUS OPENINGS

Prenovost stated that there will be numerous openings for studio announcers, disc-jockies for later programs, etc. Students who are interested in such radio work are advised to contact Chuck Rainey in Room 219 of the Center Dormitory as soon as possible.

Prenovost assured the Ex-Council that the "Rube Goldberg" conglomeration of electrical devices would "produce sound," and that the expensive venture would prove fiancially feasible in a short time. "Many East Bay merchants have shown favorable attention to the opening of the station, and this should serve to calm the many fears of the Ex-Council. To date, the station has spent about one hundred and fifty dollars of the three hundred and sixty dollars donated by the Council, and the station will soon have returned all the money it has required.

EXPRESS THANKS

The officials in charge of the station wish to express their thanks for the aid and co-operation of Brother Peter and the excellent auxilliation of Harry Appleton.

The necessary parts for the transmitter have been purchased already, and nothing remains except putting the parts together before the first broadcasts will actually begin. Westervelt hopes to produce programs in keeping with the high Saint Mary's ideals and which will rival those produced by the major networks.

RADIO LAUDS O'CONNOR, WEDEY

"St. Mary's on the Air" student radio broadcast heard every Thursday over KLX presented its last show of the year last night. Taking Advantage of the approaching vacation and the beginning of a new year, Bill Brennan, Bert Callen and Joe Zanetti reviewed the past semesters events at Moraga, summarizing such occurrences as the big football games, the rallys and the campus activities which moved into full swing.

In closing the last broadcast, Brennan paid tribute to Herman Wedemeyer and Denis O'Connor, graduating football stars, and expressed the students' appreciation of all Wedemeyer had done over the years for the Gaels. The producer than thanked those responsible for the program, both last year's KROW show, and this semester's KLX broadcast, which was made possible by Mr. Jerry Moreton, KLX program director.

Before the signoff, Brennan stated the broadcast would return to KLX in February.

The program was terminated to enable student broadcasters to prepare for the forth coming vacation, and to releave them of the duty of carrying on the broadcasts over the holidays. It will remain off the air during semester examinations in January, also.

Members of the KLX show have assumed duties in the proposed campus radio station, with announcer Joe Zanetti being chief of KSM announcers, and the sports reporter, Dick Westervelt, carrying on as program director, in place of Bill Brennan.

If proposed plans for resumption of "St. Mary's on the Air" are realized in February, KSM will act as workshop and practice field for students before being sent before the KLX mike.

XMAS VACATION

Christmas recess begins at 4:00 p.m. Friday December 12. Classes are in session again at 8:00 a.m., Monday January 5. Merry Christmas and a Happy New York.

College Radio Network Seen

A special meeting of the staff of KSM, the newly formed campus radio station, will be held Thursday, December 11 at 8 p. m. in De La Salle Lounge.

The purpose of the meeting will be to investigate the possibility of a bay area collegiate radio network and the use of telephone lines for this purpose. There will also be an investigation of the "Intercollegiate Broadcasting System," and of the possible use of talent from those schools having radio facilities similar to those established here on the Saint Mary's campus.

The meeting wil lalso provide for an exchange of technical information and other relative data. Reports will be made by representatives from Stanford University on the progress which they achieved with their own radio station.

IN ATTENDANCE

Present at the meeting will be representatives from the seven Catholic inter-collegiate colleges, as well as representatives from Stanford University and Mills College. Charles Rainey, manager of the Saint Mary's campus station will conduct the body of the meeting. Although this meeting is not an official function of the C. I. C., it will be conducted through the channels of that organization.

Gael Promises Mystery Photos

"Dummy" Ready on 12th Portraits Done This Week

Highlighting this week's Gael meeting was the announcement by Walt De Faria, Gael editor, that the year book is "proceeding slowly but surely." He told the group of thirty that the first "dummy" would be ready by December 12. "The yearbook," he said, "would be full of surprises, especially in the field of photography." He did not specify what these "surprises" would be, only that they would be amusing.

De Faria termed these yearbook features as "mystery pictures." Other points brought up at the meeting indicated the importance of getting the subscription of the book before January 15. It was stressed that after that date, no reservations would be taken, and that only as many Gaels as subscriptions would be printed.

NEED ADS

The field of advertising also was covered during the meeting when Val MacKeever, Gael Business Manager, issued an appeal for more advertsiing. "We want as much as possible. We want to make this yearbook a financial success."

Jack Buick, reporting on the sports events would be represented in the book. "We are concentrating especially on the football season, which although not successful, at least covered a lot of territory.

Other points discussed included the taking of portraits of the students and faculty. Today is the last day which these portraits can be taken. With the exception of retakes, no individual pictures will be taken. However it was made clear that the pictures of the various clubs will commence in the near future.

MANY SECTIONS

De Faria stated that each organization on the campus would have its own section in the yearbook. This section would be paid for by the clubs themselves. The amount of space desired by the clubs depends entirely upon whether or not they can afford the ten dollars per page minimum set up by the Gael staff.

The price of the Gael has been definitely established at $6.00 a copy, with a 50 cent extra charge if the buyer wishes to have his name engraved in gold upon the book. Any additional information concerning the Gael can be had by contacting Walt DeFeria or Bob Pringle, associated editor.

"Doctor Knock" Tryouts Today

Drama Club Seeks Talent

The Dramatic Society will present its first play, "Dr. Knock," in January. Mr. Yale Meyer, moderator of the club, announced this week.

"Dr. Knock" is a play written by Jules Romaines in which there will be parts for fourteen players, some of them for women. The first tryouts will be held today at 12:30 in Dante 114. All students interested in dramatics are invited to attend. Any student who has a wife or a girl friend interested in trying out for the female parts can contact Mr. Meyer or Manuel Mencarini about it.

THREE PLAYS

"We intend to put on three plays altogether during next semester. "Dr. Knock" will be the first one and there will be an Easter and a Graduation play too. These dramatic presentations are part of the student body affair. They are part of the liberal education which each Saint Mary's man wants to obtain. For this reason I urge everyone here in college to take an active interest in the plays and to attend all performances," Mr. Meyer stated.

At the meeting of the club last Wednesday financial matters were discussed. The Dramatic Society is seeking the initial financial support from the ex-council by a loan of $150. "This loan is vitally necessary because we need to purchase the necessary properties for the production of the plays before they can be put on. However, with the support of the entire student body that is expected we can meet financial obligations after the productions," the moderator explained.

DOROTHY DAY TALK AROUSES COMMENT

By JOE CASALNUOVO

Editor of New York's Catholic Worker and a founder of six farm communities, Dorothy Day in her November 21 talk, "The Green Revolution" impressed students as an electrifying forthright speaker. Pulling no punches, she left her audience violently opposed or staunchly in her favor.

Questioned concerning the present capitalistic system she urged its decentralization and a greater improvement in its functions. Her theories involved the breaking down of land into small farms, of part ownership and responsibilities by workers in the factories.

One slight misunderstanding left with the students was that she was a complete pacifist. Her stand and that of her paper is opposition to a government that forces a people into an unjust war. She maintained that the last war was unjust, and that war should be only in the defense of our rights.

Miss Day's lecture tour covers the whole country being mainly concerned with colleges and social groups. Aside from the disagreement on the practicality of her economic and social movement, her very presence before the students, her faithfulness to her beliefs and her willingness to present them brought unanimous admiration from the audience.

'Christopher' Speaks Here

Addressing the Holy Name Society Wednesday evening, Father James Keller, founder of the Christopher movement in the United States, reiterated the urgency of combatting Communism within America. "Communism," he said, "is infiltrating into four phases of our national life; labor, education, government and the writing field are feeling their subversive influence, and we, as Christians, have a duty to counterbalance that movement."

Father Keller then told the group how the Christopher Movement is working. "It is a relatively simple thing, since our cause is a righteous one. We are going into the 'Market Place' to bring home the idea of how serious the spread of Communism has become."

He then pointed out how the Communists were working in America. He showed how several schools were being operated with the express cause of spreading propaganda. "The Communists," he said, "are real workers. They do not think anything of depriving themselves of necessities of life. They have a cause, and they believe in that cause. That is why we must realize our tremendous responsibility in fighting such radicals."

He concluded his talk on the Christopher movement by explaining how each student must, in some way, contribute his efforts to save America from Communistic domination. "They have only one objective in mind, and that is conquest, world conquest."

Prior to Father Keller's talk, a priest of the Slavonic rite of the Catholic church, gave a brief talk on the Liturgy of the Eastern Church.

Vets Urged to Check Rights

Applications Necessary

In the most recent edition of "News Bulletin of California State Department of Veterans' Affairs," the department urged every California veteran who has planned an educational program which will extend beyond the period for which he is entitled to benefits under the Federal G.I. Bill to make application within the next three months.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs, county veterans' service offices, community service centers, and school veterans' coordinators have received the new application forms required for the state program.

CONSIDERED IN ORDER

State law provides that applications are to be considered in the order in which they are received. Therefore, it is to the advantage of every veteran who will need assistance at any time in the future to express his intent as soon as possible, even though his final educational plan may be subject to change.

The department further emphasized that there has been no relaxation in its policy to encourage veterans to use their federal benefits first, but in cases in which this policy will impose a hardship on veterans, educational assistance may be extended to the student by the state prior to the complete exhaustion of his federal benefits.

Veterans not requiring assistance during the current fiscal year need not complete an application form in deail, but should at least establish his eligibility as a California veteran.

UNDER STATE LAW

Under state law, a veteran must be either a native Californian or have entered the service from this state. In such a case, the veteran will receive educational assistance from the state not to exceed $1,000 to pay necessary costs of tuition, fees, books, and supplies plus subsistence of not more than $40 per month. The veteran must attend a recognized, full-time day school within the state of California.

Veterans entitled to California State educational assistance should see Mr. Thomas J. Twomey for any necessary, additional information.

GANEM ELECTED DEPAULIST HEAD

At a regular meeting of the Saint Vincent De Paul Society last Monday, Mario Cotruvo, resigned his office as president of the society, and was succeeded by Faud Ganem, freshman from Phoenix, Arizona.

Cotruvo resigned as president because of "the heavy responsibility entailed by other executive positions." He expressed his regret at his move, but he assured the group that Ganem would be in a more advantageous position to carry on the work of the society.

SEND PAMPHLETS

Other business at the meeting included a report by Ganem on his project of sending pamphlets to various high schools in the bay area. A report on the current drive to combat communism in Centerville was also submitted. Joe King, freshman member, stated that many pamphlets were being sent to that city, and that results were gratifying.

Upon request from Father Moss, student chaplain, Cornelius Crowley has taken over the job of keeping the racks in the vestibule of the chapel filled with Catholic literature. He was also asked to take care of the college employees lounge in the Annex.

RECEIVE GIFTS

The society has received gifts from the Knights of Columbus in Alameda, Richmond, Pittsburg, Centerville and Saint Mary's College to further the distribution of Catholic literature. Ganem expressed the deep appreciation of the society to those councils which have lended their aid.



"REMBRANDT OF LANDSCAPE"—The artist, Keith, for whom the Keith gallery is so named. Many of his masterpieces collected by Brother Cornelius are hung in the gallery.

Gumps Donate Keith Painting

"The Twilight Hour" Given

On last Tuesday, Brother Cornelius, Art Director of Saint Mary's College, expressed the College's thanks to Messrs. Richard and Robert Gump for their generosity in donating a famous work of William Keith. This function took place in the Keith Gallery before an assembly of the Art Society and others.

In his acceptance speech Brother Cornelius mentioned the contribution of Keith's palette made by A. Livingston Gump. He also stated that Mr. Gump had aided the gallery financially by selling it a Keith painting at a reduced rate.

GENEROUS OFFER

Brother Cornelius visited Mr. A. Livingston Gump last summer at his art store in San Francisco in the inferest of the campus gallery. On this occasion Mr. Gump told of his intentions to donate to Saint Mary's College the famous Keith painting, "The Twilight Hour." Unfortunately Mr. Gump passed away before he actually made the donation. Later upon the request of the Art Director, Mr. Richard and Robert Gump, in accordance with the wishes of their deceased father, donated the painting.

A FEW STROKES

George Inness, the famous Eastern American artist, was vacationing in the West when Keith, who had just finished painting a canvas, asked his opinion of it. Inness studied the piece and exclaimed, "Blast it open!" Keith handed his brush to Inness who, with a few masterful strokes, widened the sky in the background giving the painting the radiance which it now possesses.

Mr. L. Gump was so impressed that he bought the work. He loved it so much that he hung it alternately in his home and in his private office.

ARTIST DISCUSSES INDIAN LORE

An illustrated talk on the Indians of the American Southwest was given early this week by the noted Western landscape artist, George Demont Otis.

Mr. Otis spent many years among the Indians of the desert some thirty years ago. During his study of these people he made a number of water colors which were shown during and after the talk.

Much of Otis' talk dealt with his impressions of the Indian culture. He related that the desert Indian remains supremely contemptuous of the white man's civilization. Despite almost unbelievable poverty the Indian has a deep feeling of gratitude for all he owns.

Failure To Attend Council Means "Finis"

Fines, Outlawing Will Enforce Club Attendance

The Executive Council prepared to enforce participation in student government by all campus organizations by accepting at last Wednesday's noon-hour meeting the committee report read by Dan Arzac.

Action recommended by the committee, which also included Ed Arnold and Val McKeever, would outlaw clubs whose representatives failed to attend Council sessions.

STUDENTS MAY VOTE

If the Council decides next week that amendment of the ASSMC constitution is warranted, the student body may be asked to approve a one dollar fine for any campus society failing to send delegates and the dissolving of any club which is unrepresented three times during an academic year.

Attendance at only one Council meeting a semester maintains a club's standing under present rules.

RIGHT TO DISSOLVE

The Council's right to dissolve an organization is derived from its power to give a club legal existence by recognizing it, the report explains. Any club dissolved under the proposed regulations would be ineligible for reinstatement until the following school year.

Suggested amendments would also authorize appointment of a parliamentarian and other student body officers not expressly provided for in the constitution.

An alternative plan, not requiring constitutional amendment, was also included in the report.

NO COINS TO JINGLE

Monetary psoblems were conspicuous by their absence at this week's meeting.

The Doud Committee investigating loans and appropriations was still at work ant not yet ready to report.

A request for $25 to send Walt DeFaria and Bert Callen to Pacific Grove with Brother Robert for an International Relations Conference was tabled.

Also postponed was action to approve and give Council "backing" to the forthcoming comedy production of the Dramatic Society. A sum of $150 was involved.

ATHLETIC QUESTION

A committee composed of Tom Hart, Lou Desmond and Arzac was appointed to contact other groups concerned regarding the formation of a joint committee to investigate and make recommendations about the college athletic situation.

The proposed committee, first suggested privately in a letter published in the October 31 issue of the Collegian, would include two members each from the executive council, the Block SM Society, the Alumni Association, and the college administration, with the chairman a member of the Board of Athletic Control.

SPEEDING SCORED

Frank Lazio warned of the seriousness of student speeding on Moraga highway. Complaints have been made to the school.

The parliamentarian distributed copies of the procedure rules adapted to Council use, and a committee to look into the student concerts in San Francisco was appointed.

K of C Confers Major Degrees

Sixteen To Be Elevated

Local Knights of Columbus will receive new men into their ranks this Sunday when major degrees are conferred at Oakland's Megellan Council Chambers. Grand Knight Bill Bozzini states that fifteen men will receive second and third degrees on that date, and that Mr. Ed Cone will be conferring officer.

Prominent in Columbian circles, Mr. Cone is an English instructor in Saint Mary's College. Brother Bede Edward will accompany the new Knights.

MEN INITIATED

Among those who will be honored Sunday are the eleven men who took their first degree initiation Tuesday night at Oakland Council. These are Carl Brenner, Ray Brown, Jim Bucello, Louis Desmond, Larry Garetto, Ronald Genovali, Bob Lamp, Angelo Maffeo, Frank Mead, John Sutthoff, and science instructor Mr. Robert Horvat.

Conferring officer at Tuesday's ceremony was Oakland Grand Knight Michael McGinnis. Dignitaries who were presented to the members were Brothers Bede Edward and Samuel, state treasurer James McGoldick , and district deputy Jim Kaney.

In addition to the men who were so recently initiated, Sunday will see Regis Carr, Owen Corr, Tom McNamara, Dick O'Hara and Bob Raab elevated to the major degrees.

40 Hours to Start Monday

One of the most important liturgical ceremonies of the church year will open in the College Chapel on Monday morning at the 9:00 o'clock Mass with the traditional Forty Hours Devotion.

The Mass which will be said on the opening occasion will be a High Mass and will be sung by the Student Brothers.

The Devotion of the Forty Hours will continue throughout Monday, Tuesday, and will conclude Wednesday morning with a High Mass at 11:00 o'clock.

MASS FOR PEACE

Father Moss, college chaplain, announces that besides the High Mass on Monday morning, there will be a second High Mass for Peace on Tuesday morning.

There will be all-day adoration for the student body, and special devotions in the evening at 6:30 during the three days.

A sermon will be given Monday night after the Holy Hour by Rev. Michael O'Brien, assistant director of the Deaf and Dumb for the San Francisco Archdiocese. Tuesday night's sermon will be given by Rev. Ralph Duggan, assistant pastor of Saint Mary's Church, Oakland.

A special list of servers for the various services will be found in this Collegian.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION

The Forty Hours Devotion is celebrated once a year in every church and chapel throughout the Catholic world. It is most auspicious that the devotion opens on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and a day of special devotion for students of Saint Mary's.

NEW FATHER

Latest Saint Mary's student to join the local "proud papa" group is Richard Ward, junior "day dog" from Alameda.

Ward Jr. arrived by stork express November 5 weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz. net.

Mother and son are doing fine, but father is still recovering from the ordeal.

TWO SANTA CLARANS GUESTS OF COLLEGE

Two student body officers from the University of Santa Clara were guests of Saint Mary's last Wednesday night. The two Broncos were Val Molkenbuhr, Jr., student body president, and Treasurer Frank Keegan.

The primary objective in their visit was to obtain a comparison of student government between the two most prominent Catholic men's colleges in the Bay Area. "A return visit by a delegation from Saint Mary's is planned in the near future," stated Frank Lazio, Gael prexy.

ON THE BALL

A decision was reached by both schools about the inscription on the Trophy Bell. The engraving will read: "Annual Little - Big Game Trophy."

Frank Lazio said, "The bell will remain in the hands of the victor until he is beaten. In case of a tie, the bell will not change hands."

Agreement was also reached, on transporting and guarding the trophy during the annual gridiron classic.

Other representatives from Saint Mary's were Val McKeever, Chuck Rainey, and Mario Cotruvo.

Students View Pageantry of Eastern Rite

Mass, as celebrated in the Chapel yesterday, took on all the color and pageantry of the Orient, since it was offered in the ancient rite of Constantinople. This rite antedates that of the Roman Church by some centuries. Officiating at this Mass was Father John Ryder, S.J., pastor of St. Andrews Russian Catholic Church in Los Angeles.

It is quite important, according to student chaplain Father Moss, to distinguish the Eastern rites from the schismatic churches. The Mass presented yesterday was that of a Uniate church, in full union with Rome. Various of the Eastern churches, because of their great antiquity, preserve the right to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice according to their venerable custom. Such was the Mass presented here.

POPES' INTEREST

Further, the Popes have been very anxious to have Western Catholics become acquainted with the ceremonies of their Eastern co-religionists. Pope Pius XI went so far as to institute an annual Oriental Day to be observed in every seminary, university and college. On this day an Eastern Mass was to be celebrated and lectures on the various phases of Eastern Catholicism given.

Since this Eastern rite is quite different from that of the Latins, another Jesuit priest, Father J. Geary, explained the various divisions as they occurred. To make the sacrifice somewhat easier to follow, booklets were distributed to the students also.

CHOIR IMPORTANT

One of the most striking characteristics of the Eastern ceremony is the position and function of the choir. Actually there were two choirs at yesterday's Mass. One, composed of Jesuit seminarians from Alma College, sang in Russian. The Saint Mary's choir, specially trained for this Mass by Brother Robert, sang in Ukranian. Basically the Russian music is very harmonic, but quite weak as far as melody is concerned. The Ukranian, on the other hand, emphasizes melody at the expense of harmony. Both choirs were in the front corners of the church, screened off from the congregation. Naturally they did not sing together, but alternated.

Although in an Eastern church the altar is separated from the nave by a large screen with several doors, it was impossible to duplicate this here. However, the traditional tetrapod, a table bearing saints' pictures, was placed near the front of the church. The choir members each kissed these pictures as they entered. Ordinarily all of the congregation kiss the holy pictures.

MANY IKONS

Also present were a number of ikons. These flat representations of holy subjects are in accord with the Eastern rule which forbids the use of statuary in religious art. These ikons were used through the courtesy of Mr. Richard Gump, the family of Brother Theodore, Fr. Ryder and Dr. Hagerty.

Some dozen students received the sacraments, which were given under both species. According to the rite, the communicants stand while receiving, with their arms crossed over their breasts. Also a prayer is recited aloud before the communion.

RUSSIAN COLLEGE

It is somewhat unusual to see a Jesuit celebrating Mass in this rite. The explanation is as follows: Pope Pius XI asked several European orders to send men to the Russian College in Rome. This institution was designed to train priests, some native Russians and others from Western orders, in the Eastern rites. There are only two graduates from this college in the United States at present, Fr. Ryder and Fr. Rogosh, who has his parish in New York City.

Saint Mary's Club Notes

The last regular meeting of the club, held on November 17, was given over almost exclusively to guest speakers of note. President Leavell started the meeting on time, and completed the regular business affairs of the club quickly so that no time would be lost in presenting the guests to the members.

The club was honored by the appearance at this meeting of the amiable superintendent of schools in San Francisco, Dr. Clish. Dr. Clish, who has already established himself as an outstanding speaker, outlined the plans of the board of education for the improvement of educational facilities and teaching methods in the public schools of San Francisco. His talk, spiced with humorous anecdotes, held the listeners in rapt attention. And, despite a very busy personal program, he found time to spend a few moments visiting and chatting with members of the club after the meeting. Everyone was pleased with the opportunity of hearing and meeting Dr. Clish, and he may be assured of a warm welcome at future club meetings.

BRO. LAMBERT COMMENTS

Next, President Leavell presented Brother Lambert, Dean of the College, who so generously gave of his time to be with us on this occasion. Brother, among other things, commented on a few of the remarks of the previous distinguished speaker; touched on the football picture at the college; and commended the members who did not let the loss of a ball game keep them away from a meeting.

ON YEARBOOK

In response to an invitation from the club, student Val McKeever addressed the meeting seeking support of the members present for the College yearbook, the Gael. This is the first time in five years that the students have attempted to produce the Gael, and they are still in need of support to make their venture a financial success. Undoubtedly, there may be members of the club who were not present at the meeting who would like to assist them in their worthy task. Some of you who are in business will find that an advertisement inserted in the yearbook will be a good investment. Others might like to purchase one of the books as it is a fine composite of college life at Saint Mary's. And others of you who are more generous minded might like to contribute some small sum to the success of the publication. Just address your communications to Val at the College.

FUND DRIVE

Mr. Matt Carberry, member of the Alumni of Sacred Heart College of San Francisco, also addressed the members on behalf of their current drive to raise funds. He was assured of the cooperation of the club. Anyone wishing tickets on the car to be presented January 23 may call Hap Kennedy, Delaware 3-2244.

Members are reminded that there will be no meeting of the club in the month of December. Next meeting date is the third Monday in January, and the third Monday of each month thereafter.

CONDOLENCES

The club extends deepest sympathy to the following member: Director Maurice T. Murphy on the death of his father, Patrick J. Murphy.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are in order for Henry O'Shaughnessy who just became the proud papa of a baby boy last week. In 1963 the Gaels may be able to use a good quarterback. Who knows?

CONVALESCING

For the last two weeks Thomas Shaugnessy has been laid up with the flu, and from the last reports he is on the mend.

MEMBERSHIP

Any one wishing to join the Saint Mary's Club at this time should wait until the first of January, 1948, and then pay the $3.00 fee which will entitle the new member to be enrolled in the club up to June 1, 1949. If any of our members have any new prospects kindly send the name of this prospective member to Hap Kennedy, in care of the Saint Mary's Club, P. O. Box 327, San Francisco, 1, Calif. Hap will then send an application and a letter to the prospective member.

HERE AND THERE

You will find members Rudolph and Joseph Rossi at the Rossi Food Center at 927 Gene Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

Con Crimmins is with the American President Lines at Pier 42.

SENIOR BANQUET SET FOR DEC. 10

Next Wednesday evening, December 10, at 7 p. m. in the Villa de la Paix the annual banquet for the seniors will be held.

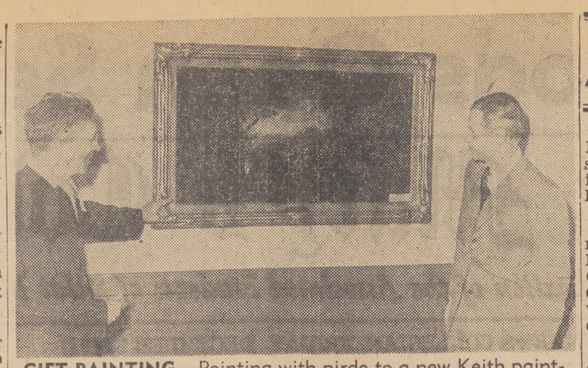
The Villa de la Paix is at 561 Sixth street in Oakland.

Dale Rasmussen and Larry Daly are in charge of arrangements for the stag event. They are not engaging an after-dinner speaker for the affair.

SCRIBES, GUESTS FETED AT BANQUET

Forty-five members of the **Collegian** staff and guests were present at the semi-annual newspaper banquet held last night in the Brother's dining room.

Steaks and speeches highlighted the occasion.



GIFT PAINTING—Pointing with pirde to a new Keith painting, "Twilight Hours," Brother Cornelius accepts the gift from Mr. Richard Gump, the donor. The presentation took place in the Keith gallery December 2.

Education Discussions

In a series of talks subsequent to those given in November, Mr. Thomas J. Twomey and Dr. A. S. Campbell outlined the required subjects for students planning to attend post-graduate schools. The lectures were given in the lounge during the past week.

Mr. Twomey, stating requirements for Pre-Legal, Economics and Education students, emphasized the necessity "not only of correct subjects for postgraduate work, but the need of a high scholastic average because of the keen competition." Dr. Campbell set forth the proper programs for Pre-Medical, Pre-Dental and Science Major students.

CONTINUE NEXT WEEK

Lectures for Pre-Legal, Education and Economic students will be continued next week when the time will be given over to special question periods. The Pre-Legal lectures will be given Tuesday; Economics, Wednesday; and Education, Thursday. As in past talks, the hours will be 12:25 for day students; 6:30 for residents.

Hackett to Play For Senior Ball

The seniors have finally obtained the services of Ray Hackett and his orchestra for the Senior Ball to be held January 16.

Ray Hackett has been featured at the Saint Francis Hotel for some time and has had a program on the Columbia Broadcasting System. Said Charles Rainey, senior class president, "He is very good as is evident from his popularity."

The dance, open to all students, will be held in the Red and Gold Rooms of the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco. Bids are going on sale next week. To aid in their sale, arrangements are being made for tuxedo rentals and transportation sign-ups will be held.

Alumni Notes

ROUND TABLE SERIES: The December Round Table series sessions will be held Friday evening, December 12, in both San Francisco and Oakland.

The San Francisco unit will meet on the third floor of the Main Library Building, Civic Center, in the Commissioner's Office at 7:45 p.m. The topic will be the first and third books of Aristotle's "Politics".

East Bay participants will assemble in the office of the Librarian across the street from Oakland Library. The subject will be "The Trial and Imprisonment of Socrates" by Plato.

Those interested in further details may contact: Thomas W. Gates, BAyview 1-4406, in San Francisco, or Edward Cone, TEmplebar 2-8577 in Oakland.

Class of 1914—Dr. Frederick T. West, past president of the Alumni Association, has dental offices at 870 Market Street, San Francisco. Dr. West is secretary of the Board of Trustees of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, San Francisco dental school. He is clinical professor of orthodontics at the latter institution, and is also secretary of the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists. His son, **Dr. Eugene West,** a St. Mary's alumnus of the class of '42, is currently doing graduate dental work at the University of California. Mrs. Frederick T. West, wife and mother of this Gael family, is a past president of the St. Mary's Guild.

Class of 1916—Alfred C. Childs is with the Standard Oil Company, Richmond headquarters.

Class of 1917—James W. Kelley is another Standard Oil figure, with offices in the Bank of America Building, Oakland.

Class of 1927—Joseph D. Cardoza, sales manager for Associated Oil Company, is now located at 1733 South Alaskan Way, Seattle. Joe was stationed in southern California for many years.

Class of 1938—Francis P. Boland, San Francisco attorney, is an active leader in the Alumni Round Table series. He resides at 1523 Funston Avenue, San Francisco.

George De Lew, another Round Table participant, is also a San Francisco barrister, with offices in the Phelan Building, Market Street.

George R. Vaughns, Berkeley lawyer, has offices at 1027 Adeline Street, and resides at 2801 Acton Street.

Class of 1930—Cyril R. Gilfether, member of the Alumni Board of Directors, is a civil engineer for an Eastbay construction firm. Cyril, wife, and four children, live at 12 Nace Avenue, Piedmont.

Class of 1931—William J. Johnson is a Ukiah farmer. Address: Babcock Lane, Ukiah.

Class of 1933—Thomas E. Cara is owner of the Cara Equipment Company, 1075 Union Street, San Francisco, PRospect 5-6926.

MARSHALL PLAN TO BE DISCUSSED BY IRC

January 14 has been set as the date for the next meeting of the I. R. C. group, it was announced this week. At that time an outside speaker will discuss an important phase of the general topic—the Marshall Plan. Efforts will be made by the executive board of the I. R. C. to secure a member of the Dutch Consul to serve in this capacity as guest speaker. Already, during the past school term, the French Vice-Consul has spoken before the I. R. C. members.

GAEL PICTURE

Arrangements are also being made to have all the members of the I. R. C. photographed for the Gael, the student yearbook. Information as to when the members should assemble for the taking of this picture will be given at a later date.

Ed Arnold, treasurer of the I. R. C., requested that all delinquent members of the organization see him about the payment of their dues. He reminded these individuals that if they did not pay their dues, the only alternative would be their expulsion from the group.

GAEL Campus Calendar

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5
Saint Mary's—Bittners Basketball
Cow Palace, San Francisco

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12
S. M.—Pepperdine Basketball
Los Angeles

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13
S. M.—U. S. C. Basketball
Los Angeles

ACOLYTES LIST

The men whose names appear below are requested to be present in the sacristy and vested for service at least five minutes before mass is to begin.

SUNDAY MASS DEC. 7
7:00—F. Mead and J. Shea
9:00—F. Ala and L. Desmond

BENEDICTION AFTER 9:00 MASS
R. Hickey and B. Bachop

DAILY MASS DEC. 8 THROUGH DEC. 13
7:00—B. Brennan and T. McNamara

MASS FOR DEC 8 (HIGH MASS)
9:00—Russ Turano (Master Ceremonies), T. Prenovost and J. Witteman (Acolytes), F. Mead and D. Herrenbruck (Censer Bearers), B. Sprietsma (Cross Bearer), Kane, Arnold, Brennan, Haire, Harmon, Gorman, Baratta, Collins (Torch Bearers3.

Practice for the High Mass on Dec. 8 will be held at 12:15 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5. It is very important that all servers be present in the Sacristy at this time.

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GAEL GOSSIP

By DICK PETERSEN
Collegian Sports Editor

Just 45 seconds before the gun sounded in the Saint Mary's vs. USF football thriller last Sunday, Herman Wedemeyer doffed his helmet to the bench and left the scene of his final collegiate performance. As he trotted to the tunnel exit, many children, bobby soxers and grownups ran upon the field in hopes of restraining him. But the Hawaiian guy, running majestically, disappeared safely into the blackness of the tunnel exit. Only a floral wreath of cheers could follow 'round and down the arcade behind him.

With the sound of the gun, Denis O'Connor and Leo Verceles were carried from the field to the microphone in front of the rooting section by gleeful rooters. Each of the senior QB's vocally thanked the student body, alumni and fans for their spirited cooperation throughout the season.

It seemed that the year was a huge success.

And the light rain that followed immediately at the end of the contest indicated that success, for it seemed to say that the dissension which had prevailed at Saint Mary's for most of the season was fused in the Kezar turf then and there, and was to lie there forever.

TRAINING NOTE:

The coaching staff of Saint Mary's decided during the spring practice to let the footballers determine their own set of rules. A seven man committee was formed of the experienced players, and prior to the regular practices, the laws which they stipulated were presented to the squad.

The coaches figured that tradition would prompt the spirit, the material would temper, the strength of play, and unselfishness would affirm the discipline.

In various games the men of the Red and Blue did not look too hardy, but everyone saw in the USF contest that when they hit, they hit hard, and they were the first to bounce up from the turf. In the second half the team was tired, but somehow they took the play in the fourth quarter.

More than likely that spirit had long been in their systems. It was there when they stepped on the campus grounds, and when they first suited up in the Red and Blue. That spirit came out beautifully last Sunday afternoon.

Misunderstanding had put one foot of the Gael spirit in the ground, but perseverance on the part of the majority of the Gallopers, and the last week "personal" blocking of Marty Kordick had restored the incentive.

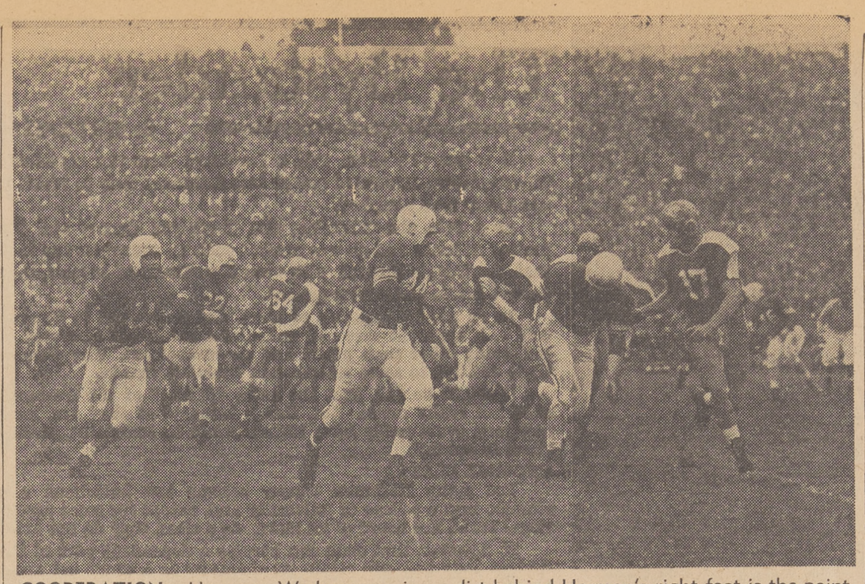
"HERMAN'S GOT HIS HELMET OFF"

In tribute to the brilliant Herman Wedemeyer, we suggest that his jersey, No. 11, be preserved by the student body in De La Salle lounge. But more than the jersey, we should preserve that helmet which he has taken off for the last time in representation of the Red and Blue.

TERRIFIC BACKFIELD

William "Lord" McCauley, behemoth tackle for the Gaels, stated that he had encountered no such backfield as that which USF had Sunday. Says Bill, "Thay had speed, deception, weight and great passing arms. If they had a top flight line over there, the Dons would be very tough."

Bob Fitzgerald, Collegian Sports Editor, sent in his resignation prior to Thanksgiving vacation. He explained, "I can not do justice to my studies by spending 14 hours a week working on the sports section, and another 10 hours a week in traveling to and from San Francisco each day." His chatter and observations will be sorely missed.



COOPERATION: Herman Wedemeyer is shown above on an end around in the recent Gael-Don fray. Leading interference are Denis O'Connor about to block out No. 17, and Frank Massero No. 44. That puff of dirt behind Herman's right foot is the point at which he went into high speed in this yard gaining canto. Chet Szumlanski, No. 32, is following up the play.

—Coutesy Don Bosco

Gaels Finish Season Losing Game To USF

Red and Blue Leads, Trails Ties and Then Loses Contest

By BOB DEAN

The Bay Area pigskin parade was brought to a sensational close last Sunday at Kezar as the University of San Francisco Dons finally outlasted the Saint Mary's Gaels in a 32-20 thriller before 35,000 amazed fans.

The Gaels, underdog at 5-1, showed Coach Jimmy Phelan their most spirited performance of the season, one which completely bottled up the vaunted Don power in the first half, and kept the crowd on their feet until the last gun was fired.

ANOTHER MORAL VICTORY

For what it was worth, the Gaels scored a moral victory, as they finished their worst season since 1922. To the chagrin of the Dons, who capped their most successful season on record with their first double win against Santa Clara and Saint Mary's, the Gaels returned to their famed Whiz Kid form and even in defeat captured the admiration of the vast audience.

EARLY LEAD

The fireworks started after six minutes of play in the opening period. On a fourth down gamble, Wedemeyer hit End Ed Ryan with a 23-yard pass. Wedey and Cordeiro moved the sticks for another first down, then a Wedemeyer to Ryan pass clicked for the score. Wedemeyer converted.

Midway in the second quarter, Dino Pezzi upset a Don play and recovered the ensuing fumble on the USF seven. A picture pass from Wedemeyer to Denny O'Connor and Wedey's point-after made the count 14-0, where it stood at the half.

DONS COMEBACK

A rejuvenated Don squad scored early in the hectic third quarter when QB Jimmy Ryan passed to End George Stefko, who lateralled to Forrest Hall, and the Scooter went the distance. Willis converted.

Seven minutes later, a Don drive paid off again as Pete Matisi galloped eight yards to score. Willis tied the score at 14-14 with his placement.

A 33-yard kick return by Hall set up another Don TD, as Joe Scott finished the drive with a fifteen-yard sprint to the end zone. The kick was wide.

WEDEY AGAIN

Wedemeyer added to the hysteria two minutes later as he landed a pass in Paul Crow's hands and watched the fleet halfback continue twenty-five yards to tie the score at 20-20.

Jimmy Ryan's 45-yard runback of Al Beasley's kickoff set the stage for a Don TD to end the third quarter track meet. Halfback Joe Scott did it again, going twenty yards untouched by Gael defenders.

A fake place kick clinched the contest for McKeever's men in the fourth period when Fred Klemenock got to his feet from the set-up slot and ambled eight yards to end the scoring at 32-20.

DESSERT STRONG

Archie Desert and Clyde Brown were singled out for praise by Jim Phelan for their hard-hitting line play, while Wedemeyer was King Wedey again.

Freshmen Close Successful Year At San Jose

The Gael Freshman have closed the season with a record of three wins of five starts. Unfortunately the Gael team lost the last game of the season to the San Jose Frosh in what was a mild upset.

The San Jose Spartans scored the decisive touchdown two plays after they had intercepted a Gael pass thrown from deep within our own territory. The Gael Freshmen lost the hotly contested game by a score of 21-13.

This year's Frosh team was the first since 1941; war time rules allowed the colleges to play freshmen on varsity teams. Two of the season high lights were the Gael defeats of Santa Clara 27-0, and USF 27-6. The defeat of two of the Gaels' natural opponents may indicate next year's varsity scores to a great extent.

Frosh Coach George De Klotz pointed out that 220-pound FB Dave Haffner should help plug the varsity fullback position next fall. Halfback Jarvis with his fine passing and Half Hettinger with his blocking and equally good passing, should help support the varsity backs. Other sterling running backs with Frosh experience are Cassara, Visbal, Sherman and Talbot. Two quarterbacks who might fill the slot are Dugger and Byron.

Some of the team's outstanding players were found in the ends, headed by Kotowski and McGeehan. Tackle Bob Williamson and Guards Tuitele and Sullivan should press present Varsity men to hold their jobs next season. The center spot has two excellent players in Bergamini and Marks, both of whom are fine defensive centers.

Now that the Frosh season is over Coach De Klotz will give his full attention to the intramural program and assistant coaches, Van Gieson and Bellani, will go to pasture until spring practice.

Boxers Commence Serious Training

Last Monday 35 boxers worked out in the fistic section of the gymnasium under the watchful eye of Coach Jack Hebron. Though 35 is not representative of the 70 who signed up, Hebron ignored an accusing finger by blaming lack of publicity.

The major part of the practices have been devoted to ring work. All the aspirants have seen some action in the ring in the five practices to date. The group has shown a great deal of spirit, and with the addition of Glenn Bell as assistant coach, all the fellows have been kept busy in the sessions.

Coach Hebron emphasized: "These 12 days before Christmas are most important as far as the team goes. After the Christmas holidays, we can not waste any time. I intend to find the top 24 men during this time, and from then on, we will practice and practice."

Prior to scheduling any matches, Coach Hebron has to have representation in every weight. At present, men in the lighter weights are urgently needed. So, if you are small, heed the call, of Coach Hebron.

In regard to the schedule, Hebron recently sent a letter to the chairman of the N. C. A. A. Boxing Rules Committee, asking for suggestions for probable opponents.

The training program rests on the shoulders of each participant. Hebron stated that the condition of each man will clearly show when he performs in the ring. He added, "It's the miles of roadwork, and the miles in the ring that make a successful boxer."

Saint Mary's Cagers Meet Bittners Tonite

Moraga Wolves Defeat Gazelles For Campus Title

Cheered on by the members of the upper class, the Moraga Wolves, champions of the Blue league defeated the Red league champions, the Gazelles, 14-0 in the final minute of play last Tuesday for the intermural championship. Both teams' defenses were good. The Moraga Wolves' was exceptional, while the Gazelles were strong on offense.

The Gazelles, backed up against their goal line late in the final quarter, tried a short pass that was intercepted by the Wolves and run back to the 15 yard stripe. Then, with 56 second left to play, and on fourth down, Lion pitched a short pass to Beglin in the end zone for the score. Candiatti converted on a pass from Lion.

But, that was not all. After the kickoff the Gazelles tried a pass on first down that was intercepted by this same fellow Beglin and run back ot the 5-yard line. Then, on a tricky pass play, Lion connected again, to Beglin standing all alone in the end zone.

Both teams must be cited for their exceptional team play. Until the memorable fourth quarter no one could be especially pointed out as being outstanding. It is true that Dowell of the Gazelles and Lion of the Wolves were more than average on passing, but so were their teammates in the line and backfield. In fact, everyone must be accorded special mention: R. Dowell and W. Dowell, Gray, Nordyke, Snyder, Hill and Woods of the Gazelles, and Lion, Caesar, Candiatti, Wittick, Lougandi, Lampe, Beglin and Rugani of the Wolves.

Highlights of the game, perhaps, were Emmons of the Wolves sensational catch of a long pass in the first quarter, or Hill's 60-yard punt to the coffin corner in the second quarter, or the two t.d. passes caught by Beglin from Lion.

A dinner was given last Thursday for the members of the teams at the Willows in Orinda Corners.

The All-Intermural teams for both leagues as selected by Lou Desmond and the captains of the various squads are: Red league, Blue league,

There will be no Collegian next week. The next issue will be January 9, 1948. All Collegian writers are expected to attend the meeting on January 5 in the Collegian Office at 12:30.

J.V.'s Finish Year; Bilotti's Last Season

After a series of five thrilling games the Saint Mary's Junior Varsity has closed its season with three impressive wins and two defeats. The Junior Varsity overcame Chico State, Pittsburg A. C. and Castlemont A. C.; although they lost by one touchdown each to Stockton J. C. and Humboldt State College.

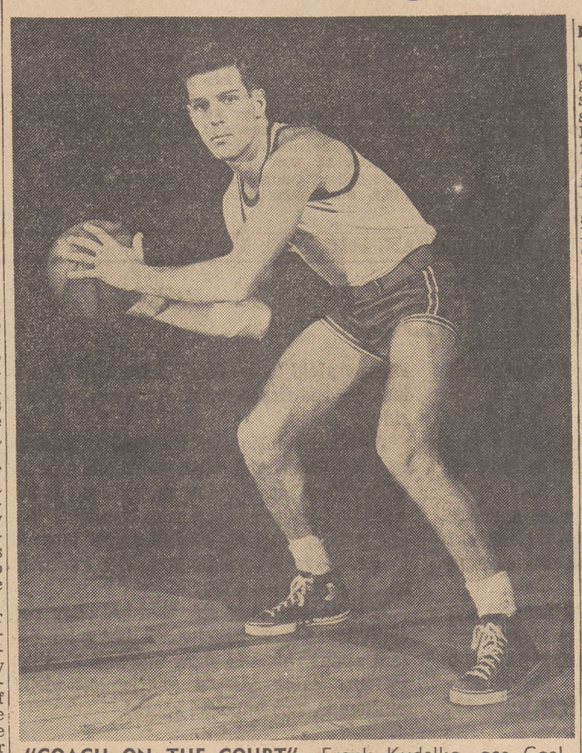
For the first time the JV's flew to their Humboldt State game where they played before a capacity crowd at Humboldt State's Redwood Bowl. In a spectacular second half the Gaels chalked up three touchdowns and two conversions, to come very close to upsetting State.

The Gaels lost a hotly contested fight with the Stockton J. C. due to the lack of a reserve center after the injury of Uriz. The Gaels while in scoring position lost the ball due to a bad center. The JV's overcame Chico with little effort, whipping them 13-0. Due to superior condition, the Gaels succeeded in defeating Castlemont A. C. 20-0.

This season saw the last of Coach Tony Belotti's services as the JV mentor. Tony will graduate from Saint Mary's in January. Tony then plans to continue the pursuit of his General Secondary Degree at U. C. On completion of graduate studies Coach Belotti will return to coaching.

Commenting on the season as a whole Coach Belotti said, "I am very pleased with the cooperation of the ball players in making this a very enjoyable season."

Benny Neff In Coaching Debut; Gaels Underdogs In Inaugural



"COACH ON THE COURT"—Frank Kudelka, ace Gael basketball forward, has been so named by Head Coach Benny Neff. Kudelka, who broke the Gaels individual scoring mark last season with a total of 368 points, will lead the basketballers against the powerful Bittners squad tonight at the Cow Palace.

By AL SOULAGES

San Francisco's Cow Palace will be the scene of the first game of the 1948 basketball season for the Saint Mary's cage squad. Under new mentor Ben Neff the Gaels face the powerful Oakland Bittners in the second game of the Cow Palace's inaugural double-header.

Although new to Saint Mary's and college basketball Coach Ben Neff has many years of coaching behind him. In twenty-three years at Lowell High in San Francisco Neff has had eleven championship squads.

VARIED OFFENSE

Coach Neff revealed that the Gaels will use a varied offense "Specific offense for each game will be determined by the defense and weakness of the opposition," Neff stated. "We have a combination of patterns," he said, "Our immediate problem is to cut the number of offensive combinations."

Because of lack of height on the first five, speed and blocking will be stressed rather than tipping and controlling the opponent's backboard.

Frank Kudelka, sensational sophomore, forward described by coach Neff as "smart, a very good shooter, and a splendid floor man," will lead the team on the floor.

Kudelka broke all Saint Mary's scoring records and placed fifth in scoring in the nation last year with 368 points.

TEAM MEMBERS

Starting at the other forward post with Kudelka Friday will be Dick Gailbreath, a transfer from Placer J. C. Gailbreath was Junior College all-conference last year.

At guards will be Dick Babcock, a transfer from San Mateo J. C., also Junior College all-conference; and Augie Bullwinkel, a veteran of the '45 cage squad. In the Army he played service ball for Camp Beale.

At center will be Jack Rial in his third year as a member of the starting five. Although not a giant in height, Rial is an exceptional ball-handler and very good on tip-ins.

Due to a sprained ankle, Gailbreath may not be able to play Friday night in which case Don Dalton, a veteran from last year's team will replace him.

The remainder of the squad is composed of Ken Gardner, Bob Hagler, Paul Crowe, Bill Christensen, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Bart Toohey, and Jack Buick.

Intramural Program

BASKETBALL

The following plan will be followed for Intramural basketball. Jan. 5 to Jan. 21—elimination tournament. Feb. 9 to completion —round robin play.

The above plan will be followed due to the fact that the semester comes in the middle of the season and the personnel of many teams would be changed the second semester. The teams entered in the round-robin play may or may not be the same as played in the elimination tournament.

In other words, there may be a complete reshuffling of teams for the round-robin play, beginning the second semester.

Freshman basketball will be held from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Intramural basketball from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

SWIMMING

January and February will be devoted to Intramural swimming events, and free swimming for anyone. The Intramural events will be the same as in intercollegiate meets.

The Intramural meets will serve as tryouts for the Varsity swimming team.

During March and April, several Intercollegiate meets will be held. Further information will be released later in this regard.

BOXING

The nucleus of the varsity boxing team will be picked between now and Christmas vacation. It is planned to have a 24-man squad in the following weight classifications: 125, 130, 135, 145, 165, 175 pounds, and over.

Intramural boxing for all those not on the varsity will be held following Christmas vacation. Additional varsity men will be chosen from those showing ability during the intramural program.

VOLLEY BALL

Intramural and inter-collegiate volley ball are at the present time questionable, depending first upon student interest, and secondly, upon available space and the time to practice volley ball. Unfortunately, the gymnasium will be used every afternoon for freshmen and Intramural basket ball.

However, at the present time there is an attempt being made to form a volley ball league of Northern California colleges, consisting of Stanford, California, Saint Mary's, College of the Pacific, San Francisco State, Santa Clara, U.S.F., San Jose, University of California at Davis.

Those who are interested in playing volley ball, please report to the athletic office to sign up.

BASKETBALL DUCATS

Rooter's tickets for the Bittiner - Saint Mary's basketball game tonight at the Cow Palace are available at the campus ticket office from 9 till four o'clock today for fifty cents plus student body card.

Ticket manager Don Butler pointed out that student body cards will not be recognized at the Cow Palace. All students wishing to attend the game are urged to buy their rooter's tickets here on the campus.

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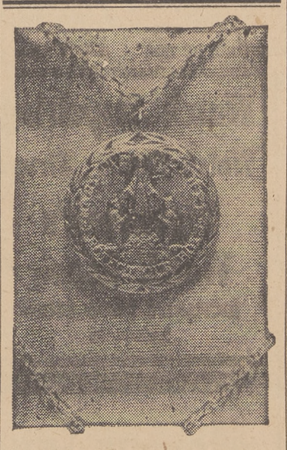
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Push Thy Neighbor

There are some who claim that students have no morals. They hold that we do not abide either to the common laws of decency binding on all men, or to the particular rules of conduct that refer only to students. Perhaps they are right.

Go out to the exit road almost any day in the week, or into Orinda on nights that students are free. There you will observe what we have seen.

Once upon a time students used to observe the unwritten law of courtesy that says the first man hitch-hiking gets the first ride. No more!

Instead we have rowdies who inconsiderately yield to no man. Those who arrive last are the first to rush for the proffered ride.

At times tension mounts and this leads to ugly jibes, and even to blows. All of which is so nice for our reputation; Saint Mary's men provide a free spectacle for the public, and an occasion for lots of tongue-wagging, on the part of our friends and our enemies alike.

Is it too much to ask that we obey the dictates of our conscience? Let's be decent about this and show one and all that we are Saint Mary's gentlemen—virile gentlemen, not impolite boors!

Perils of Partition

Despite eleventh hour attempts at compromise, the General Assembly of the United Nations neatly partitioned Palestine at its last session. Since this move was supported by both the United States and the Soviet Union, it easily secured the necessary two-thirds vote.

It is doubtful if this program will be carried out as easily as it was passed in the assembly rooms!

The Arab world, from Casablanca to the borders of India, is screaming to heaven for vengeance. Indeed, the Arab bloc, swarthy imitators of Gromyko, strode angrily from the meeting. They have promised armed opposition; they have emphasized this promise by burning an American consulate in Syria.

The primary question now is not "Should Palestine be partitioned?" but "Can a stubborn minority, the Arabs, successfully oppose the will of the united peoples?"

This is a crucial point in the history of the United Nations. Can that organization back up its decisions? Will it, perhaps, prove as powerless in Palestine as the old League did in Ethiopia? If the UN is unable to enforce its partition ruling, it will lose at one stroke all the respect it has thus far so painfully won. It will be reduced to the importance of a Republican candidate in Georgia!

Upon news that Zion was at last to be realized, Jews all over the world were delerious with joy. We would suggest that their celebration was a bit premature.

As things stand, the British are determined to evacuate the Holy Land as soon as possible. They are not willing to tether themselves to a time bomb. Meanwhile Islam is busy sharpening the sword, and the Zionists are cleaning their rifles. The scene is readying itself for a beautiful little religious-economic-political war—a mixture indicative of much blood, gore and tears for all concerned!

The Last Laugh

Now that all of the mid-term exam marks are officially recorded, is there any possible way of discovering the determining factor leading to an "A" or a "B," or a "C"?

Every student, of course, has his own individual complaint regarding a particular grade, or a particular instructor.

Here are a few of the theories and ideas expressed by and against some of the instructors here at Saint Mary's.

First, the case of the instructor who builds up the whim in his head that no student ever, unless he evidences signs of a genius, deserves an "A". What quirk of nature ever lead to this assumption? Even the most stupid or misinformed of students upon receiving an "A" restrains from blowing his top envisioning himself a member of the intelligentsia. But many instructors, drugged with the authority of marking exams, hold that "A" before the student at an unattainable height. An "A" merely indicates to the student that he has given back to the instructor as much information as he had been able to obtain under his instruction, in that particular class. So that an instructor's refusal to give A's, must also admit his lack of ability to develop an "A" student.

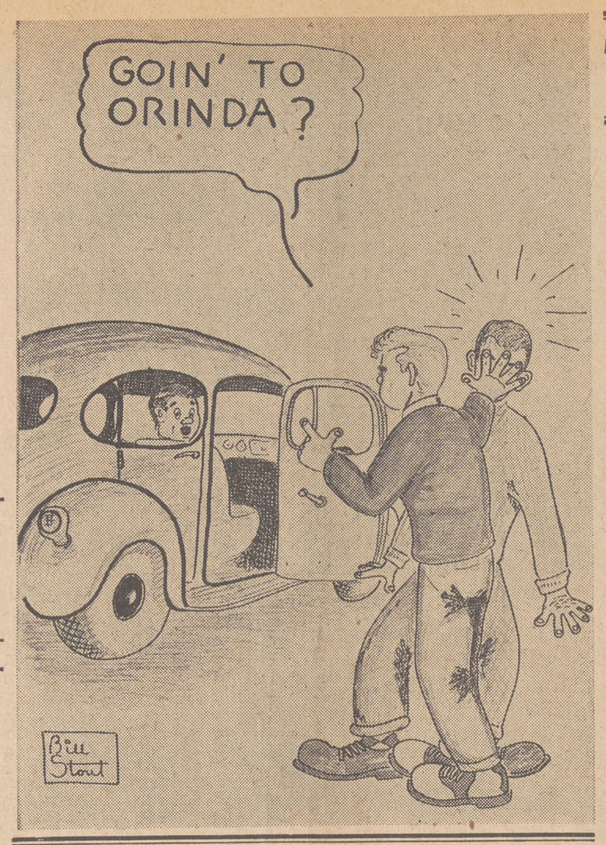
Other instructors have explained in detail their full confidence in the "curve" theory of marking. Two A's, they say, indicates there should be a corresponding two F's. And they faithfully believe in this false theory. For example, there may be a class of 20 in a language, of which 10 students fluently speak the language, but merely take the subject to fill the requirements. Here we have 10 "A" students who need not even open a book. What happens to your curve? And there is absolutely no reason to assume every class a mathematically average class. But there will be instructors and teachers to infinity who will sacrifice their students on the altar of this false theory.

Then there are instructors who give an examination, have the examination marked by readers, return the exam and say, "If there is any question concerning your mark see me about it." A small percentage will "see about it," and in this way several will have their mark raised. But what about the marks of those not particularly concerned with "begging" for a raise in grade? Yet, certainly some of those students would have papers justifying a raise in grade. It is this particular practice that gives the "student operators" the appearance of sincere interest, checking their grades, seeing instructors between classes, and engaging in academic apple polishing in lieu of studying. From a practical viewpoint why study, when through socializing you attain the same end?

Another practice, not too prevalent, is returning unmarked mid-term exams to be corrected by the students of the class. An example of the blind leading the blind. This is sheer carelessness that is avoidable.

It is amazing to see how little many instructors failed to observe during their own college careers. And it is due to this lack of common sense and observation that makes both themselves and the students "small" in their commercial struggle for an empty meaningless grade.

One of the reasons for these discrepancies is the lack of standardization both in making up the examinations, organizing the lectures and class work, and grading in such a haphazard fashion. And until some criterion or guide within the different departments is established this "every man for himself" situation will continue.



Collegiana

By JACK BUICK

After about a dozen writings of this colum we received our first fan letter the other day. We accepted a few lightly tossed bouquets, but the final paragraph was very upsetting.

"I have been a Gael rooter for many moons, but never has a football season been so disheartening. What happened?"

Why? Why? Why? Everyone wants a reason. After casting aside numerous absurdities as dissension, treason, jealousy, and the like we found the answer to the disastrous season in Aristotle's Metaphysics—Potency without substance yields nothing—or—take two and hit to right.

In case the reading public may be misled into believing that Saint Mary's students are semi-maharajahs by the recent report of 4300 dollars worth of jewelry stolen from Anthony Catebac, junior from Manila—let it be known 'Toni' is one of a kind around here.

From an Army notice:

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Drive a Tank
Rah—Rah—Rah
All good fellows
U. S. O.
Get the money
Go—Go—Go

Now that the G. I. checks are once more in circulation the bookie business should hit a new high. But lend an ear, gamblers—at Notre Dame the football parley organizers netted 1500 greenbacks a week, while at dear ol' Harvard about 2000 clackers were dropped in a chain letter venture during November. You see—they always die broke. Save your pennies and buy a Gael (yearbook).

My girl ran off with a Don, I'm satisfied. Furthermore my car was stolen, and I haven't any insurance. I'm satisfied. And to cap everything off, I'm flunking out of school; but in spite of everything, I'm satisfied. I smoke Chesterfields.

The Collegiana Chuckle Cup goes to Wes Colgan, sophomore unorthodox first sacker of the Phoenix. Wes is a rabid Al Jolson fan. In fact, at the drop of a Lundstrom he will click his Galen-Kamps and give a reasable imitation of anything from "Swanee" to "Toot-toot-Tootsie, Goodbye" in the Jolson style . . . But last week he was too much . . . his roommate entered unexpectedly and there performing in front of the miror was Colgan, his face blackened with burnt cork, giving out with "Mamie." He embarrassingly sputtered—"Just wanted to see how I'd look."

Timely placed this week in the front of every classroom: "They that instruct many unto justice shall shine as stars for all eternity." —And then the mid-term marks were announced.

We received this note from a member of the food committee who evidently desired a blast at the writer: "I hereby certify that the soup does not measure up to the standards of the food committee's soup." (Signed) R. F. Desmond—President, Fourth Estate, Editor of the Brickpile, Social Chairman, Bus Driver, Ex-Collegian Editor . . . For whom the horn blows.

This is the latest from the recorder's office. Next semester will see the enrollment of one Allahwerdi Farmanfarmaian from Tadjrish, Teneran, Iran . . . "Alli" was going to start in September, but waited until Herman's eligibility ran out. Down Iran way "Alli" is reported to be a great left half. He can't miss with a handle like his. Announcer Ernie Smith has trouble now but wait till he attempts—"It's Allahwerdi Farmanfarmaian for five around right end."

Arrangements for the "best ever" Block Club Smoker in February are being planned by chairman Frank Carillo. For a main event it is hoped to match Roy Barni, U.S.F.'s great defensive back and collegiate middleweight champ, and Johnny Johnson, Gael end and ex-Coast Guard title holder. All other bouts will be between local students.

There should be a move to revive the Parliamentary Act of 1770:—

"That all women of whatever age, rank, profession or degree, whether virgin maids or widows, that shall, from and after such act, impose upon, seduce and betray into matrimony any of His Majesty's subjects by the scents, paints, cosmetic washer, artificial teeth, false hair, Spanish wool, iron stays, hoops, high-heeled shoes or bolstered hips, shall incur the penalty of the law in force against witchcraft and like misdemeanors, and that the marriage, upon conviction, shall stand null and void."

Lawful grounds to beat the Christmas gift to the wife or girl friend.

The Bystander

By BERT CALLEN

It is not very often that a freshman class can contribute an exceptional amount of oomph into a student body to which it has newly been attached.

As a rule, the initiation, the thank-you dances and the routine of books and classes present such an overwhelming task that, to struggle through with even a modicum of success, they deserve praise and encouragment.

To do what is expected of them, and more—and to do even this with apparent ease and undeniable ability—is deserving of something other than praise and encouragement. The class of '51 is entitled to some sincere and heartfelt thanks.

It might be said that the extra "pushes" of the freshmen were not really much. But, things being what they are, most new men could easily have turned effort to complaint, enthusiasm to apathy.

UNUSUAL CLASS

Too many freshman classes become lost battalions who stumble into a college or university and, except for some exceptional event, are heard of no more. As a class, they do not exist.

If, however, that class can become a dependent part of the student body and still retain its character as a group set apart for its own ends, everybody benefits in double amounts. Class pride prompts the extra effort and the student body reaps in the good things resulting from that effort.

The responsibility of the freshman president and ex-council representatives is not a small thing. They have carried their work in an unassuming and capable manner. The freshmen football team saved the autumn athletic picture from falling flat on its hip pads.

There is one thing which might have been added here, though. If an organized rooting section had ben set up for their team, when freshman cheer leaders and all the accoutrements, it would have done much to solidify the many other activities that are part and parcel with the New Life.

We wonder if that cannot be innovated next year.

A JOB FOR US

The coming semester will undoubtedly add new faces and take away some of the familiar ones, but that has been true for all colleges at all times and ultimately it makes very little difference. This, we think, is especially true of freshman classes.

But we hope that the competitive spirit is bolstered during the next few months. The traditions of a college and all the activities which set it off from all the others, in a word, those things which make a college distinctive, should be fostered and made strong in the freshman class. Then the rest takes care of itself.

If we can show them we are interested, we must see that they get all we can give them of what we call the Saint Mary's spirit actualized in what they can appreciate. We certainly can consider ourselves obligated to that task. They have done so much for us.

In Review

By DAN ARZAC

It is always interesting to trace the growth of a controversy. At the start of the semester we reviewed in this column an **Atlantic Monthly** article that denied the validity of human rights. More recently the argument has been carried into the pages of several issues of the **American Bar Association Journal.**

On one side the editors of the legal monthly have ranged the **Atlantic's** editor, Richard E. Danielson, who started it all, and to oppose him they have prominent San Francisco attorney Harold R. McKinnon.

WHAT IS DIVINE IS IMMUTABLE

Danielson says, " . . . the theory of inherent and inalienable rights bestowed by the Creator . . . is sheer, convenient nonsense." Elsewhere he refers to the nature of man as "whatever that is." In sum, he attributes the whole of the American system of the rights of man as due to religious superstition.

It is my opinion that the essence of this man's error lies in his failure to understand the nature of man. He is admittedly a Christian, and still he fails to see that just as God is Supreme Lawgiver and unchanging, so the law he gives must be contsant and unchanging if it is true law.

McKinnon rightly denies Danielson's claim that men's rights derive solely from the state, and that they are therefore merely mutable privileges. The lawyer proceeds to demonstrate that the doctrine of a natural law is not based on faith but on reason.

TOTALITARIANISM IN AMERICA

As McKinnon points out, the state exists for the common good, but that good is necessarily both ends and means. "It is the end of government, but it is a means of happiness of the persons in the state." Therefore, though the origin of natural rights is absolute, their exercise must be regulated by the state.

It is of the very nature of democracy that the individual has certain rights which the state cannot violate. In America these are defined for us in the Bill of Rights, and their source is discovered in the Declaration of Independence. Consequently, he who denies these rights and their source, denies both democracy in general and American democracy in particular.

It is unfortunate that the principles which McKinnon has so justly opposed are the "prevailing fashion of thought" both in this country and aborad. We have been able to observe what the results of this philosophy are when put into practice, and we are justified in our alarm that it will bring results in America similar to those in Europe and Asia, should it come to dominate here as it has there.

There is a law for man as such, which regulates man as man and not merely as citizen. Political society implements this law. Man's rights are innate because they are of this law of his being. "And if we wish to identify these rights we find them in those basic claims which all men, including Mr. Danielson, recognize."

Moraga Musings

PHONE-Y BUSINESS—Margie Gloria has been asked to appear on KSM with a weekly feature of imitations of famous campus characters. Her imitation of Don Rauber over the telephone was a sensation—on both ends of the line. For awhile people in the phone office thought our pale-face friend had come down with scarlet fever.

LAUNDRY QUANDRY—A salesman from Westinghouse was almost trampled to death this week by five resident students when he asked them whether or not they could use a home laundry in the dorm. Jack Marinich, Art Verge, Bud Clark and Jack Smith have now filled up their closet with dirty clothes in anticipation of the great day.

A CHRISTMAS TREE-T—The Golden Weenie of Distinction goes this week to Room 322 in the Senior Dorm where Van Dunahoo and Tom Storer are greeting the campus holiday season with a Fir tree—with lights. They are now petitioning for a fireplace and chimney to go with their stockings.

On the Level

By FATHER MOSS

It was just a year ago that a bombshell was figuratively dropped in the midst of the sedate Public School Board of the City of San Francisco. The school district was liable for a lawsuit because it allowed the singing of Christmas carols in the public schools. The objections was based upon the prohibitions contained in the State Constitution and Education Code against "sectarian or denominational doctrine" in the public schools. It is indeed a sad commentary on modern society when it goes to the extreme of eliminating God not only from the ordinary practices of daily life, but also forbids the use of His name in songs which were composed to sing His praises.

The Catholic Bishops of the United States, meeting in Washington last month, realizing the increasing danger of secularism in this country, issued a statement condemning it. By secularism the Bishops meant" a view of life that limits itself not to the material in exclusion of the spiritual, but to the human here and now in exclusion of man's relation to God here and hereafter." The Bishops continue by saying that secularism which excludes God from human thinking and living, is at the root of the world's troubles today.

GREATEST DANGER

Perhaps the greatest danger from secularism is the removal from man the sense of guilt which he should experience when he offends God. Secularism does away with accountability to God as a practical consideration in the life of man and thus takes from him the sense of personal guilt of sin. It takes no account of law above man-made law. Expediency, decency, and propriety are, in its code, only norms of human behavior.

The Bishops are most severe in the condemnation of the modern system of public education which excludes God from the schools. "They," say the Bishops, and here they are referring to the secularists, "positively exclude God from the schools. Among them are some who smile indulgently at the mention of the name of God and express wonder that inherited illusions last so long. Others are content with keeping God closeted in the inner chambers of private life. "The far reaching effects of such a policy of education cannot be minimized. It can only result in a moral and spiritual breakdown in the future.

In an attempt to offset the baneful influence of secularism in daily life, the "Christophers" were organized by Reverend James Keller of Maryknoll. The aim of this movement is to encourage a million lay persons to restore and reintegrate into every segment of American life the basic fundamentals of Christian civilization. Each member strives in a personal way to bring Christ into the market place—into his daily life and his occupation. There is no need to join an organization, for the Christophers have no meetings and no dues. Each person works as an individual.

TAKE INITIATIVE

In his address to the student body on last Wednesday evening, Father Keller pointed out the great need there is for educated persons to take the initiative in this movement. Catholicism in this country has been handicapped by a lack of intelligent lay leaders who are not afraid to bring Christ into the market place. If secularism is to be overcome, it will only be brought about by the efforts of Christians, conscious of their responsibility, "to preach Christ, in season and out of season."

In the past our Catholic college garduates who have entered the fields of education, politics, labor management, and amusement have been strangely inarticulate in their mention of Christ or Christianity. Some almost appearing as if they feared to lose their jobs if the name of God were mentioned. Little wonder it is that such secularists and Communists as we have today causing so much trouble throughout the world, have secured such a foothold. The recent expose in Hollywood indicates the manner in which the amusement field has been influenced by them.

BESTIR OURSELVES

If we as Christian anticipate the season of Christmas with all of the beauty of its religious observance; if we love to hear the ancient hymns announcing the gladsome tidings of Christmas; if we revel in the spirit which we have come to call the Christmas spirit, we must bestir ourselves for fear that they will swept away. Let us not fool ourselves. It CAN HAPPEN HERE: Secularism is on the march!

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